

Benton County Snowmobile Club

Newsletter



GREETINGS AND SALUTATIONS FELLOW SNOWMOBILING ENTHUSIASTS!

Hello dear snowmobiler, and friends of snowmobilers: It's November and it's election month. I hope you all vote and vote in people friendly to our sport. There are certainly enough things stacked against us the way it is, we don't need anyone hostile or indifferent to our sport in office, voting for bad legislation. Our next meeting is November 8th at the East Side VFW. Meetings are important. The direction that the club heads in is up to you and your VOTE. If you're not there, you can't vote. See a pattern here?? Our Landowner's Appreciation Dinner and Fundraiser is coming up this month. Please start gathering door prizes now, as it always takes longer to do stuff than you think it does. Time keeps on slippin', slippin', into the future. (Admit you sang that last line in your head.) November 26th, be there, we need our landowners!

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AL'S CORNER:

As i stated in my last newsletter that I will focus on saving money so you have more sledding funds. Perhaps my best life hack.....You know how you pay to wash your dishes, but the heat generated by the dishwasher is “free”. Same with the stove. You pay to cook your food, but the heat from the stove is “free”. What is it that your house needs in winter? It needs heat and moisture. Enter in the clothes dryer. IF YOU HAVE AN ELECTRIC DRYER, this will work. If you have a gas dryer, it won't because the gas dryer makes fumes. Dryers crank out 135° heat. Wouldn't it be nice to vent that heat in your house? Think of how many loads of laundry you do per week. That precious heat and humidity is just being lost outside. No, you don't need more heat in summer, but in winter?? First off, some washers and dryers are so sandwiched together, there just isn't room to move them around. But, if you have an electric dryer, and a little bit of space, you're in luck. They do make pre-made vent kits between \$30-\$70. However, if you want to make your own, listen up. Get yourself 5 feet of four inch pipe. Get the heavy gauge flue pipe, not the wimpy dryer pipe. STEEL. Grab a couple of 4 inch elbows. (Heavy gauge flue) DON'T screw them together. The screws will capture lint and plug up the vent. Use aluminum sticky tape to tape the 3 pieces together. To make the lint trap, take a woman's nylons and cut off both legs. Place one nylon leg inside another nylon leg and place over the 4 inch pipe. The end of the pipe should be facing you, as there should be some extra if you buy a 5 footer. Next, secure the double nylon lint trap, with a hand twist hose clamp. The hand twist feature is great for removing the lint trap to clean it, and you won't ever need any tools to remove it. If you can get back there, shove a rag or two into the old vent pipe that vents to the outside, to keep cold air from coming in your house. That little flapper outside on the vent cap doesn't do much to stop the cold. You can use this ALL winter long, and most of the spring and autumn too. You're paying to dry your clothes, but you're getting a LOT of free heat. Switch back to venting outside in the summer. If you don't have any skills, get someone to set it up for you. It'll pay for itself quickly, and many times over.

Thanks for reading folks!